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REMARKS

Claims 16-18 and 21 were previously withdrawn and claims 1-11 were previously canceled. Claims 14 and 20 are canceled herein and claim 12 is amended herein. There are no new claims added. Accordingly, claims 12, 13, 15, 19, and 22 remain under prosecution in this application.

35 USC § 102

Claims 12, 19, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Lubbers et al and Campau et al.

Claim 12 is amended herein to incorporate the features of claim 14. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in newly amended claim 12 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that claim 12 and its dependent claims (claims 13, and 15) are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 includes, amongst other limitations, the following:

wherein the brake force acting in the system corresponds to a ratio between at least one of the actuating travel, the actuating speed and the acceleration of the actuation of the brake pedal, and the deceleration to be effected by the brake system.

None of the references of record teach or suggest the above-claimed ratio and, at least for this reason, claim 19 is allowable. If the Examiner still believes that either Lubbers or Campau teaches or suggests the ratio set forth in claim 19, the undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to specifically point out where in the references the claimed ratio is taught or suggested.

Claim 22 sets forth, amongst other limitations, the following limitation:

wherein the brake force acting in the system corresponds to a ratio between at least one of the actuating travel, the actuating speed and the

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acceleration of actuation of the brake pedal, and a vehicle deceleration to be effected by the brake system.

None of the references of record teach or suggest the ratio set forth in claim 22. If the Examiner believes that either Lubbers et al or Campau et al teaches or suggests the above claimed ratio, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner cite a specific portion or portions of these references which he is relying on to teach the claimed ratio.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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